



NEW CERTIFICATION FOR PEER RECOVERY SPECIALISTS

The Tennessee Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services received a SAMHSA grant for Certified Peer Specialists, now to be called **Certified Peer Recovery Specialists (CPRS)**. This name change:

- signifies the addition of peers who have lived experience with substance use disorders
- introduces the redesign of the program by providing a training curriculum that is co-occurring
- enables peer recovery services that are provided by a CPRS and identified as medically necessary to be reimbursable by TennCare (Tennessee's Medicaid Agency)



WELCOMING PEERS WHO HAVE LIVED EXPERIENCE OF MENTAL ILLNESS, SUBSTANCE ABUSE, OR CO-OCCURRING DISORDERS

REDESIGNING THE PROGRAM, INCLUDING A NAME CHANGE TO CERTIFIED PEER RECOVERY SPECIALISTS (CPRS)

MEDICAID-REIMBURSABLE SERVICES BY PEERS WHO HAVE LIVED EXPERIENCE OF MENTAL ILLNESS, SUBSTANCE ABUSE, OR CO-OCCURRING DISORDERS

NEW WEEKLONG TRAINING PROVIDED BY TDMHSAS WITHOUT COST

TRAINING APPLICATIONS AND ADDITIONAL DETAILS CAN BE FOUND ON THE STATE WEBSITE:
[HTTP://WWW.TN.GOV/MENTAL/RECOVERY/OCA3.SHTML](http://www.tn.gov/mental/recovery/OCA3.shtml)

TRAINING DATES

Memphis
August 19-23, 2013

Chattanooga
September 9-13, 2013

Johnson City
October 21-25, 2013